

Application No.: 10/004847

Case No.: 57320US002

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 17 are pending. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been withdrawn from consideration. No claims are amended. No claims have been added.

§ 102/103 Rejections

Claims 1-9 and 11-17 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Qiu et al. (U.S. 2003/0026997). Further, claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qiu et al. in view of Boardman et al. (U.S. 5,714,082).

Enclosed is a declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 stating that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the Qiu et al. reference was derived from two of the inventors common to the instant application and the reference, and is not an invention "by another".

The rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-17 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Qiu et al. has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Further, the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qiu et al. in view of Boardman et al. (U.S. 5,714,082) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

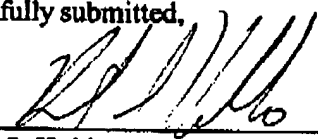
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. Allowance of claims 1-17, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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